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FOR: METHOD FOR DETERMINING A STEERING TORQUE THAT IS ACTIVE  
DURING THE ACTUATION OF A STEERING WHEEL IN MOTOR VEHICLES

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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF EXCESS SEARCH FEE

Dear Sir:

- 1) The papers and basic fees for entering the National Phase of the above PCT National Phase application were filed and paid after December 8, 2004. The pertinent fee amounts for the National Filing Fee, Search Fee and Examination Fee, in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2005 and the corresponding Rules (effective December 8, 2004), were paid by charge to a credit card authorized in Form PTO-2038 (Credit Card Payment Form).
- 2) The Interim Rule effective February 1, 2005 (70 Fed. Reg. 5053) has reduced the Search Fee from \$500.00 to \$400.00 if an International Search Report on the counterpart International Application has been provided to the USPTO no later than the time at which the Search Fee is paid. The Interim Rule states that the excess payment of the Search Fee will be refunded.

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- 3) Those conditions for a reduced Search Fee have been met in this application. Together with the National Phase entry papers and payment of the Search Fee of \$500.00, we also filed an Information Disclosure Statement including a copy of the International Search Report.
- 4) Accordingly, please refund (credit) the excess Search Fee payment of \$100.00 to the Credit Card to which the Search Fee was originally charged, or to our Deposit Account 50-0507.

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